

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed December 13, 2005, has been received and reviewed. By the present Response, Claims 24-29 and 36-52 are withdrawn. Currently pending in the application, then, are Claims 1-23 and 30-35, of which Claims 1 and 30 are independent. No new matter has been introduced by this Response.

Election/Restrictions

The Examiner has issued a restriction to one of the following groups under 35 USC 121:

- I. Claims 1-23 and 30-35 drawn to an orthodontic bracket, attachment, appliance and kit.
- II. Claims 24-29, drawn to a specific clip.
- III. Claims 36-52, drawn to a method of attaching orthodontic brackets to teeth.

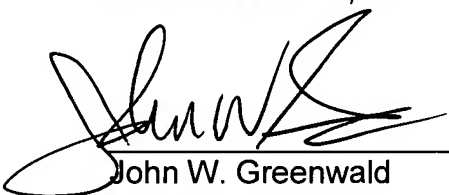
The Applicant elects, without traverse, to continue prosecution of Claims 1-23 and 30-35 (Group I). Accordingly, Claims 24-29 and 36-52 (Groups II and III) are withdrawn, without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments submitted herein, it is believed that the application has now been placed in full condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicant requests early and favorable action. Should there be any further questions, the Examiner is urged to telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney at (770) 984-2300.

Respectfully submitted,

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